

City of Belleville Fire Department

Number: 2005

POLICY:

It is the policy of the Belleville Fire Department that a stand down or non-emergency response be utilized for all secondary apparatus responding to emergency incidents.

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GUIDELINE

1:00 Purpose:

1:01 To reduce the risk of injury or death to personnel and the general public by downgrading responses to emergency incidents.

2:00 Procedures:

2:01 If there is 'nothing visible' or after the initial size up, the officer in charge of the first arriving apparatus will notify the remaining responding units that they can either stand down and return to station or downgrade to a non-emergency response.

2:02 While on route to an emergency incident and dispatch receives a call back from the caller that it is a confirmed false alarm, the lead pump should stand down all other responding units and respond 'non-emergency' to the incident.

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- 2:03 When the officer in charge requests a 'stand down', all responding units shall turn off emergency lights and sirens and return to their stations.
- 2:04 When the officer in charge requests a 'non-emergency' response, all responding units shall turn off emergency lights and sirens and continue responding in full compliance with the rules of the road.
- 3:00 **Scope:**
- 3:01 It shall be the responsibility of the Officer in charge of each shift to ensure that this guideline is explained and followed.
- 3:02 It shall be the responsibility of **all employees** to understand and adhere to this guideline.

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